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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This submission is submitted along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Futher, this in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the USPTO on May 28, 2008 having a due date for response of August 28, 2008. A Notice of Appeal was filed on October 28, 2008 with a Petition for Extension-of-Time for Two Months. As a result of filing a Notice of Appeal, an Appeal Brief was due by December 28, 2009. A Petition for Extension of Time for Three Months is submitted herewith together with the petition fee thereby extending the due date to March 28, 2009. It is believed that no additional fees are necessary. However, if any fees are due, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment.